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MARAD PROVIDES ASSISTANCE IN NATIONAL EFFORT

The Maritime Administration was one of several entities that played an active role in the recovery efforts from Hurricane Katrina. The agency provided eight of its Ready Reserve Force ships to help in the devastation that followed the August 29th event. To learn the status of the vessels, click on

http://www.marad.dot.gov/katrina/ShipsMobilized_Rita_Louisiana.html.

AROUND INDUSTRY -- INTERMARINE ANNOUNCES ADDITION TO ITS U.S.-FLAG FLEET

Intermarine LLC, agents for US Ocean LLC, are pleased to announce the addition of the M/V "Ocean Titan" to the U.S. -flag heavy lift vessel fleet. The "Ocean Titan" joins her sister, the M/V "Ocean Atlas" (formerly the "Industrial Challenger"). US Ocean LLC is the new company formed to operate the vessels, each of which has twin 200 ton capacity cranes, combinable to lift pieces weighing up to 400 metric tons. The vessels will be employed in the carriage of project and military cargoes, as well as being used in Intermarine's regular liner services. For more information, please visit Intermarine's web site www.intermarineusa.com.

2005 BREAKBULK CONFERENCE

The 2005 Breakbulk Conference has been rescheduled for Sunday, October 30 through Tuesday, November 1 in Houston, TX, at the Woodlands Waterway Marriott Hotel and Convention Center.

The two-day conference will consist of various sessions of panels, roundtable discussions and speeches, which will be presented by industry veterans representing shippers, forwarders, carriers, ports and other organizations. To learn more about the exhibition, visit the web at www.joc.com/conferences/breakbulk/.

MERCHANT MARINERS CAN APPLY FOR DUPLICATE CREDENTIALS

According to a recent report by the U.S. Coast Guard, mariners who lost their credentials as a result of Hurricane Katrina may apply for duplicate credentials at any Coast Guard Regional Examination Center. Electronic records will allow the Coast Guard to quickly identify the qualifications currently held by the mariner and to issue replacement credentials. To find out the locations of the RECs, click on http://www.newsletterscience.com/marex/readmore.cgi?issue_id=121&article_id=1032&l=1&s=27364 .

AROUND MARAD

Adopt-A-Ship Program

Ships and Classrooms needed to expand the “Adopt-A-Ship” Education Outreach Effort

The Adopt-A-Ship program is an effort that provides teachers with desperately needed educational capital with which to inspire youth to learn! A ship (the Master or someone else onboard who is willing to correspond monthly with a class of students) is paired with a classroom of middle school students (grades 5 – 8) in a pen-pal relationship. This simple but proven mechanism assists the teacher by providing an ongoing real activity through which to relate the educational elements being taught and really inspires the students. The program injects a real-time personal element into classrooms that takes away the abstractness that often turns off students. The program also teaches our youth about the shipping industry and careers and helps provide us with a skilled and interested workforce. **Please encourage ship companies and their masters to volunteer their ships and also talk to teachers that may not be aware of this very effective teaching resource.** For more information visit the web at: http://www.marad.dot.gov/education/adopt_a_ship/.

MARAD HIGHLIGHTS ITS CUSTOMER—

Matson Navigation Company was founded over 100 years ago. It remains one of the leading U.S. domestic carriers with a longstanding reputation for quality service in the transportation industry. The company is the principal carrier of containerized freight and automobiles between the West Coast and Hawaii, Guam and Mid-Pacific, and is the largest subsidiary of Honolulu-based Alexander & Baldwin, Inc.

Matson's two subsidiaries are Matson Integrated Logistics (MIL) and Matson Terminals, Inc. MIL is a leading provider of multimodal transportation services to the North American market with capabilities that include domestic intermodal rail service, international intermodal service, long haul and regional highway services, specialized hauling and international air freight. Matson Terminals provides container stevedoring, terminal and equipment maintenance services for Matson in Honolulu. The company operates a 108-acre facility on Sand Island on the island of Oahu, which serves as the primary hub for Matson's Hawaii service fleet of containerships and barges. Stevedoring Services of America Terminals (SSAT), which is partly owned by Matson, manages the company's container stevedoring and terminal services in the West Coast ports of Long Beach, Oakland and Seattle.

As part of the Jones Act domestic waterborne fleet, Matson is governed by a variety of cabotage laws. The vessels carrying the cargo and passengers must be carried in vessels that are U.S.-owned, U.S.-built, U.S.-crewed, and operated in compliance with U.S. law.

TO OUR READERS — NOW HEAR THIS – AN OPEN INVITATION

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each of you who have contributed to the success of this publication. The only way to find out what's going on in and around the industry is to look to those who are involved on a day-to-day basis. As the year progresses, I look forward to working more closely with each of you. Why not share some of your company's success stories. If you are interested, contact Sharon Jenkins at (202) 366-5064 or via email at Sharon.Jenkins@dot.gov.

Visit our web sites below to obtain useful information on cargo preference and related issues:

- ❖ **Cargo preference and its guidelines**, http://www.marad.dot.gov/offices/cargo_pref.html.
- ❖ **U.S.-Flag Service (Destinations from U.S. to Foreign Countries)**, click on <http://www.marad.dot.gov/usflag/>.
- ❖ **Humanitarian Food Aid Report**, click on <http://www.marad.dot.gov/offices/CAPOS%20Reports/>.
- ❖ **Public Resolution - 17 Waivers**, click on <http://www.marad.dot.gov/offices/pr17waiver.html>.

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